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SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA TRANSPORTATION STRIKE

REF: CAIRO 09907

1. BUS AND TRAM DRIVERS OF THE ALEXANDRIA GENERAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY WENT ON STRIKE EARLY APRIL 6 COMPLAINING OF HIGH COST OF LIVING AND DEMANDING WAGE INCREASES. SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL ENDEAVORED TO KEEP TRAMS AND BUSES MOVING BUT SERVICE WAS VERY THIN.

2. APPARENTLY THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT OPERATORS SAT IN TRAMS AND VEHICLES AND DID NOT MOVE. ALEXANDRIA GOVERNOR HODEIB, GEN. BASSIM GHEISS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SECURITY, GEN. KORAYEM, COMMANDER OF THE NORTHERN MILITARY DISTRICT; AND OTHERS APPEARED ON THE SCENE SHORTLY AND CONFERRED WITH UNION REPRESENTATIVES. GOVERNOR PROMISED STRIKERS HE WOULD LOOK INTO THEIR PROBLEMS BUT SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS TO JUST WHAT HE PROMISED WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

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3. AS WORD FILTERED BACK TO THE STRIKERS, BUS AND TRAM SERVICE BEGAN TO IMPROVE. AS OF MIDAFTERNOON APRIL 6, SITUATION APPEARED NORMAL.

4. COMMENT: PROBLEM IN ALEXANDRIA, AS ELSEWHERE IN EGYPT, APPEARS TO BE INCREASING COST OF LIVING AND FAILURE OF EMPLOYEES' SALARIES TO RISE TO COVER THEM. (REFTEL) CONGEN UNDERSTANDS

THAT WHEREAS IN PAST COMPLAINTS WERE CENTERED AMONG WORKERS,
THEY HAVE SPREAD TO HIGHER LEVEL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES AS WELL.
SITUATION IS QUIET AT PRESENT BUT COULD EASILY WORSEN AGAIN IF
OTHER WORKERS ALSO DECIDE ON STRIKE ACTION. MCCLELLAND

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